

ENROLLED ACT NO. 30, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to feral livestock; providing definitions; providing for the identification and destruction of feral livestock; providing for reimbursement of costs of destruction and removal; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 11-48-101 and 11-48-102 are created to read:

CHAPTER 48
FERAL LIVESTOCK

11-48-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Board" means the Wyoming livestock board;

(ii) "Director" means the director of the Wyoming livestock board;

(iii) "Feral" means a domestic animal that is not under the control of nor cared for by a person and which has returned to a wild or semi-wild state;

(iv) "Livestock" means as defined in W.S. 11-6-302(a)(vi).

11-48-102. Destruction of feral livestock.

(a) Before any livestock can be declared feral, a reasonable attempt shall be made by the director or the state veterinarian to locate and identify the owner of the

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livestock and to notify the owner to take possession of the livestock.

(b) If the state veterinarian or the director are unable to identify and notify the owner of the livestock or the owner refused to take possession for the livestock within five (5) days after receiving notice, the livestock may be declared to be feral livestock.

(c) If the director or the state veterinarian determines that any feral livestock are damaging private or public property, including grass, cultivated crops or stored crops, or determines the feral livestock is on private or public property where the feral livestock are not authorized to be and that capturing the feral livestock is not feasible or is cost prohibitive, the director or the state veterinarian may order the destruction of the feral livestock.

(d) If the state veterinarian determines or suspects any feral livestock are likely to be infected with or able to spread any infectious or contagious disease, the state veterinarian may order the destruction of the feral livestock.

(e) There shall be no right for any future indemnity or payment to the owner for the destruction of any feral livestock destroyed in accordance with this section. Should the owner of any feral livestock destroyed in accordance with this section be subsequently identified, the board may seek reimbursement from the owner for all costs associated with the destruction and removal of the feral livestock.

(f) The Wyoming livestock board shall promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this section.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk